

Continued concern regarding the COVID-19 pandemic requires Cincinnati Ballet to maintain certain health and safety guidelines for the benefit of all participating students, staff and faculty. All participants are expected to comply with the following Health and Safety Guidelines:

- Students should assess for any symptoms of or exposure to COVID-19 prior to entering the Center for Dance. Anyone exhibiting contagious symptoms should refrain from entering the Center for Dance and contact the Academy. At that time, Academy Staff will work together with the student to determine return procedures.
- Students must notify the Academy if they test positive for or are presumed to be positive for COVID-19.
- Masks are optional for all students and families in all spaces within the Center for Dance regardless of vaccination status. Required masking may be implemented in the event of close contact exposure or when working in close proximity to Cincinnati Ballet’s Company dancers.

Cincinnati Ballet monitors the recommendations of both the local and federal government as well as local and national health agencies, and has the right to maintain or update its Health and Safety Guidelines at any time.

COVID-19 POSITIVITY AND EXPOSURE

Any student exhibiting symptoms of a contagious illness should be tested to determine if they are COVID-positive. Both PCR and at-home tests are acceptable. Any person who tests positive for COVID-19 or who suspects they may be positive for COVID-19 should notify the Academy Administrative Office at cbacademy@cballet.org immediately. Should any student in the program test positive for COVID-19, Cincinnati Ballet will communicate isolation and quarantine procedures accordingly.

If a student becomes ill or exhibits symptoms while on the premises of Cincinnati Ballet, the emergency contact (parents/caretakers if student is a minor) will be advised immediately and they will be required to leave the building as soon as possible (unless emergency medical services are required).

Communication: A specific notification will be sent with next step instructions for any persons identified as a close contact within 24 hours. A close contact is identified as anyone who was within 6 feet of an ill person for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, regardless of whether the person was wearing a mask properly.

The return criteria below have been developed in alignment with the Ohio Department of Health Guidelines for Schools’ “Mask to Stay, Test to Play” approach.

Return Criteria:

- **People who have received a positive test result** will need to quarantine for 5 days followed by strict mask use for an additional 5 days. They may return on day 6 as long as symptoms (if any) have significantly improved, they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication, and they continue to wear a mask through day 10.
- **People who have been identified as a close contact after exposure**, will need to follow the below protocols:
 - Parents should monitor their student for [symptoms of COVID-19](#).
 - **If symptomatic:** Stay home, isolate, and get tested if student starts to experience [symptoms of COVID-19](#) (regardless of level of severity). Remain home until student has been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication and symptoms are significantly improving.
 - **If asymptomatic and vaccinated:** Continue monitoring for symptoms and wear a mask.

- **If asymptomatic and not vaccinated:** Take a COVID-19 test as soon as possible. If negative, continue monitoring for symptoms and wear a mask. If positive, refer to positive test result details above.
- **For all:** Mask use for 10 days and testing on day 5 after exposure is required.

Transition to Virtual Learning: In the event classes must be suspended for any length of time, all classes will transition to a virtual learning platform.

Questions? Don't hesitate to contact us at cbacademy@cballet.org or 513.562.1111.